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HOME Management Memo #08-01

Date: February 5, 2008

To: HOME State Recipients

From: Tom Bettencourt, HOME Section Chief

Re: HOME Application Rating Points for Housing Element Compliance

The purpose of this memo is to alert HOME-eligible cities and counties to critical dates for submission of their housing element to the Department; (see attached housing element update schedule), in order to be eligible to receive rating points on HOME applications for having an approved housing element. This memo is intended to address required housing element updates, per the attached schedule.

State HOME regulations award a city or county fifty (50) application rating points if the jurisdiction's housing element is in substantive compliance as of the deadline for submission of the HOME application.¹ To be considered in substantive compliance, the housing element must be deemed to be IN COMPLIANCE by the Department. This means the Department must have completed its final review and issued a letter finding the jurisdiction's final adopted housing element to be IN COMPLIANCE. This final review letter must be issued on or before the HOME application deadline in order to receive HOME rating points for housing element compliance. For 2008, the HOME application deadline is anticipated to be August 15, 2008.

Pursuant to State Housing Element law, the Department has sixty (60) days to review draft housing elements, and ninety (90) days to review adopted housing elements. For jurisdictions whose housing element is required to be updated by June 30, 2008, as well as jurisdictions whose current adopted housing element has been deemed OUT OF COMPLIANCE, these review periods should be considered when determining when to submit the housing element to the Department in order to receive final approval by the HOME application deadline.

Go to <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/status.pdf> to find out whether your jurisdiction's current adopted housing element is IN COMPLIANCE.

For assistance regarding housing element preparation or concerns regarding your jurisdiction's compliance status, contact Paul McDougall at (916) 322-7995 or pmcdougall@hcd.ca.gov.

For assistance concerning the HOME program, contact the main HOME number at (916) 322-0356 or home@hcd.ca.gov.

¹ CHDOs and newly formed cities that are not required to have an adopted housing element shall receive full points in the housing element rating category.

Housing Element Update Schedule

The housing element update schedules (Government Code Section 65588) for local governments are listed below, pursuant to SB 491, (2003 California Statutes, Chapter 58) and AB 2158, (Statutes of 2004, Chapter 696)) and AB 1259 (Statutes 2007, Chapter 696). Contact the Division of Housing Policy Development Department at (916) 445-4728 for further information.

Regional Jurisdictions	Fourth Revision Date	Fifth Revision Date
San Diego Association of Governments: San Diego County and all cities within the County.	June 30, 2005	June 30, 2010
<u>Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG):</u> Counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and all cities within each County.	June 30, 2008*	
<u>Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG):</u> Counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, Sonoma, and all cities within each County.	June 30, 2009*	
Council of Fresno County Governments: Fresno County and all cities within the County. Kern County Council of Governments: Kern County and all cities within the County. Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG): Counties of El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba, and all cities within each County.	June 30, 2008	
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG): Counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and all cities within each County.	June 30, 2009**	
All Other Local Governments: Counties of Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Inyo, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Mendocino, Merced, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Plumas, San Benito, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Stanislaus, Tehama, Trinity, Tulare, Tuolumne and all cities within each County.	August 31, 2009**	

* SCAG / ABAG: Reflects change from June 30, 2006 for SCAG and June 30, 2007 for ABAG. Changed planning period reflects HCD's approval (given to SCAG in 2005 and to ABAG in 2006) of two year extension to coordinate planning for regional housing need with planning for Regional Transportation Plan as authorized by Chapter 696, Statutes of 2004 (AB2158, Lowenthal)

** AMBAG: Reflects change from June 30, 2008. Legislative amendment changed planning period to coordinate with update of Regional Transportation Plan as authorized per Chapter 696, Statutes of 2007 (AB1259, Caballero)

*** All Other Local Governments: Reflects change from June 30, 2009. HCD (May 2007), per H&SC 65584(c), extended the due date by 60 days to accommodate Department of Finance update of the State's population projection (completed July 2007)